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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

By this amendment, claims 1-45 were canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and new claims 46-76 have been added.

Due to the cancellation of claims 1-45, the rejection of claims 1-45 is now moot. Applicants; therefore, respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1-45 be withdrawn.

New Claims 46-76

Independent claim 46, and dependent claims 47-54 are directed to a method of distributing software. The method includes, among other things, automatically transferring, from a first handheld computer system to a second handheld computer system, summary information with respect to demarked files when the first handheld computer system and the second handheld computer system are within a communication range according to a communication protocol. Applicants submit that the cited references do not disclose or suggest such a feature.

Independent claim 55 and dependent claims 56-61 are directed to a handheld computer system that is configured to, among other things, automatically transfer, to a second handheld computer system, summary information with respect to demarked files when the second handheld computer system is within a communication range of the handheld computer system according to a communication protocol. Applicants submit that the cited references do not disclose or suggest such a feature.

Independent claim 62 and dependent claims 63-69 are directed to a handheld computer system that is configured to, among other things, automatically receive, from a second handheld computer system, summary information with respect to demarked files on

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the second handheld computer system when the handheld computer system and the second handheld computer system are within a communication range according to a communication protocol. Applicants submit that the cited references do not disclose or suggest such a feature.

Independent claim 70 and dependent claims 71-76 are directed to a handheld computer system that includes, among other things, means for automatically transferring, to a second handheld computer system, summary information with respect to demarked files when the second handheld computer system is within a communication range of the handheld computer system according to a communication protocol. Applicants submit that the cited references do not disclose or suggest such a feature.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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